an OVERCOAT! Get a HERE cost no more than poor ones elsewhere. For this DISSO LUTION sale gives you the choice of every Overcoat and Uister in the store at exactly ONE-THIRD OFF of regular prices. Not an Overcoat-not an Ulster has been reserved. Every garment is newmade for this season's trade by the best makers, and is fully up to our usual high standard, and as fully guaranteed, too.

There are Meltons, Kerseys, Beavers. Montagnacs, Friezes and Worsteds in blue, black, Frown and Ox ord Mixtures. Styles and sizes to sult and fit everybody. Prices were \$10 to \$45-now

\$6.66 to \$30.

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#### BONA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ended January 8, 1897,

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Saturday, January 2	36,64
Sunday, January 3	24,04
Monday, January 4	35,77
Tuesday, January 5	36,34
Wednesday, January 6	36,20
Thursday, January 7	35,84
Friday, January 8	36,35
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226,318 I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended Jan. 8, 1897.

WILLIAM P. LEECH, Manager of Circulation. Advertisers are cordially invited to visit our press and mailing rooms at all times and verify the above

### City Brevities

statement.

The ladies' golf match is scheduled to ome off at the Rossiyn links tomorrow. The Mississippi Association will held a orner of Eleventh and E streets northwest

Miss Adelia fiates, the well-known trav-cier, gave a talk about the various contries see has visited, at the Wimodaughsis so-cial last night.

C. G. Essner, the Philadelphia caterer, who has been awarded the contract for the Inauguration Ball supper, is registered at the Arlington.

The last lecture of the season by Rev. Dr. Stafford for the benefit of St. Paul's Church, will be delivered at the Columbia Theater next Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Greenman, secretary of the chief of police and Burnane Society agent, of Kansas City, Mo., was a guest of Chief Clerk Sylvester at police headquarters to-

The Georgebown police made only one arrest during the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock this morning, William N. Storch, charged with being drunk and dis-

in St. Mary's Church, Fifth street, between G and H streets northwest, on Sunday, Janary 24, and conclude on the following

Detective Frank Borrows stated today frozen over. If the freeze continues for ty-eight hours longer, there will be good skating on the stream.

The Board of Control of the District Ep-

worth League with hold its annual meeting this evening at Foundry Church, for the ejection of president for the ensuing year. The hour of meeting is 7.30. Mr. John T. Harris, who will be remem-bered as having been Senator Elkins' pri-vate secretary during the first session of the present Congress, has been chosen as the secretary of the West Virginia senate.

George McKenny was found sick and prostrate on the side walk at Fourteenth and N streets northwest lastnight. The police had him removed to his home, No. 1310 Corcoran street northwest, in the ambu-

Fred Broker, a colored cierk, gave an extertainment test night in North Wassington, but having fulled to procure a beense, was arrosted by Pollocman Mur-

phy and required to leave \$5 at No. 8 station. Policemen Pat Creaghe and M. Lynch found the front door of James Perry & Sons' grocery store, No. 441 New Jersey avenue northwest, open at 1.30 o'clock this morning. Nothing missing and no burgiars sentiate.

Officers have been elected by the Young

Ladies' Sodality of St. Dominic's Church.
They are: President, Miss Mary E. O'ConLior, vice president, Miss Anna Doyle; secrelary, Miss Mary C. Johnson; treasurer,
Miss Mary Bischoff. John B. Livingston, the colored driver for

doin is Lavingston, the colored diver for the late Capt. George E. Lemon, Iwas thrown from the carriage he was driving yesterday at Fourteenth and Park streets, Mount Pseasant, and scriously injured. He was taken to Garfield Hospital for treat-The mascot of the Sixth police station

a tiny turtle, has been provided with an aquarium. The policemen have trained their pet to feed from their hands, and he will almost spring out of the water to get a live fly held between the fingers of a

Rev. A. S. Zimmerman will hold a special service for men only this evening at Mc-Kendree M. E. Church, on Massachusetts avenue northwest; subject, "Darkest Man-hood." Revival meetings have been held there each evening since the week of prayer began.

Potomuc and Stone Posts, of the G. A. B. and Potomuc Post's auxiliary of the Women's Bellef Corps will hold a union installa tion service this evening at Costello's Hall corner of Sixth and G streets northwest

se ceremony will be public, and refresh ents will be served at its close. Detectives are being employed here by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to break up the petry stealing of coal from likeir cars by men, women and children, who are provided with bugs and "fetchers." The latter implements are long iron hooks

for pulling lumps of coal from the gon-colas or flat cars. The tower of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, at the corner of Feir and a-fulf and C streets northwest, which has just been reconstructed by Architect J. H. Hammond, at a cost to the congregation of \$2,500, contains 1,230 feet of iron roads, 530 feet vertical and 300 feet horizontal, so ar ranged as to make the spire safe against any storm likely to visit Washington.

PANTALOONS,

## DELLA BRADY'S DILEMMA MORE TROUBLE OVER SEEDS \$5 A!

good one if you do. GOOD GRES She Declaimed on the Streets! and Was Arrested.

CHARLES EDELEN'S CRUELTY

Four Tramps Drifted Along to the Workhouse - George Wilson's Downward Pathway-Humorous Side of the Police Court-Some Unique Phases of Humanity.

Della E. Brady is not ignorant of the mellifluous turns and twists of the Anglo-Saxon language, and deeply deplores the carcity of soul-stirring expressions incident to an exercise of that tongue.

Last Saturday Delia stopped on D street southeast and lifting her features to the heavens allowed a few choice phrases to escape her ruby lips.
But the layers of vapor floating athwart

this uprising of sections of a select vocab ulary. cer R. P. McDaniel heard the out burst from afar, and tacking in her direction lashed himself alongside the animated creature and towed her to the

This morning in Judge Kimball's court Della went down for fifteen days

Charles Edelinis not a member of the So ciety for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. On the other hand, It is to preven such indifference as he exhibited toward an equine specimen that the organization mentioned was launched.

Charles failed to provide shelter to his faithful beast of burden last Saturday, and on complaint thereof by John Reiplinger was hauled before Judge Kimbali this ening. Five dollars.

George W. Wilson is not rolling along life's path way in a golden chariot dra wa by fiery steeds, to the accompaniment of sun-dry shouts of acclamation, and amid a shower of roses, orchids and other rare

No. George is now assisting in the gentle ert of maintaining a steady population within the precipcts of our local castle of detention. At the expiration of ninety days he will again be a candidate for social

Stephen McMahon, Charles Green, William Clark and John Donovan are human comets

in the world of society.

They are not comets of the first order however. In fact, they are somewhat nebulous, both as regards ethics and clothing. The men have no fixed habitation, nor even a fixed orbit.

The were drifting along Pennsylvania collided with that vigilant guardian of the local population, Detective Hartigan, who landed them, even at the ratio of four to one, in Judge Knuball's court. Green got thirty days, and the rest each

Rosa Richards and Stella De Costa have for some time observed the sphere of life revolving from a viewpoint on its axis, and that sphere, so far as they are aware, has never moved slowly, even at the circumfer-

The exotic and the celestial orb agreed to disagree yesterday, and, wonderful to re-late, the plant got the better of the planet. This morning in Judge Miller's court Rose was fined \$20.

Julia Anthony and Susie Reed collided on the 13th of Decemberlast. When the Amazons came in contact with each other the rising of hairpins, detached tresses and minine screeches could have given pointers to Mount Vesuvius, and make that uncliable crater emerald with jealous rage. But everything mortal has an end. The mirpolling ceased. The screeches finally fied away on the awe-stricken air, and

where before had been tumult and chaos peace and order reigned supreme. But the germs of outroged justice still played bide-and-seek in the circulation eduits of Susie's anatomy, and at last broke out into a fever of indignation and

desire for revenge. Five dollars for Julia. Charles Coleman is a mechanic who is ognizant of the value of material objects incident to the tender profession of joining together metallic pathways for the free and unrestricted journeying of water. He stole a lot of pipe from James Donobue recently, and this morning paid for his exploit in the sum of \$20.

Judge Kimball turned out a fine grist of

vags this morning. Franz Boskey, found begging on Thir een-and-a-half street, was sent down for ten days; Frank Tracy, who had for some time adopted the bathing beach as his stamping-ground, did Boskey twenty days better; Joseph Watson, found in the act of pacing off the site of an old-fashioned zig-rog rail fence, along T street north-west, will serve time and be liberated usly with Tracy, while Michael Landady will see two completions of the four phases of our lunar lunabary before he is released to resume his wanderings.

PILL AGAINST ISAAC LYON.

Lawyer Adriaans Commences a Sui in Equity Court.

A bill in equity was filed today sgainst Isaac Lyon for the annulment of a con-veyance to the defendant of title to lots

10 and 11, square 1066, and lot 3, square The plaintiffs are Mary H. Summers of Anacostia, and five others, who are the beirs-at-law of the late James Burgess who died July 6, 1889. It is claimed that the conveyance was secured by a certain misrepresentation, and that one of the parties was under the influence of liquor at

the time the deed was signed It is also alleged that the ann was grossly inadequate. John H. Adrinans represents the plaintiff.

A BOUNCING COLORED BABY.

Joseph Bischoff Found the Infant in His Vestibule.

A loud wailing, like the cry of a cat, at tracted the attention of Joseph Bischoff last evening at his residence, No. 502 Sixth street south west.

He traced the caterwauling to the vestibule of his residence, where he found an animated bundle. It was taken to a warm room and opened, disclosing a bouncing colored baby about two weeks of age. The wait cried and kicked vigorously Mr. Bischoff, not desiring that sort of a surprise gift, carried the baby to No. 4 police

station, from whence it was transferred to

A Colored Infant Abandoned. A colored infant, about two weeks old. was found at 6 o'clock last evening by James Brown on the veranda of his house No. 502 Sixth street southwest. The baby was shrouded in several thicknesses of rags and pieces of blankets, and an animated screaming set in from the bundle as soon as it was removed. Mr. Brown carried the infant into the house and notified the police at the Fourth precinct station house. They sent the child to St. Ann's Orphan Asylum. There was nothing about the bundle to give a clue to the person or perwho left the infant on the steps

Contractors Can Cheat in Mailing and Nobody the Wiser.

The New Way of Sending Direct From the Seedsman Opens the Way to Frauds.

A new source of worry has arisen for Congressmen in the distribution of seed. This is the misgiving that their constitu-ents may never get the precious packages intended for them. Under the old method of sending out the seeds there was no doubt on this point: the seeds were sent immediately under the members' own su-pervision. But now all that is changed. They go direct from the seedsman's store-

Under the new plan the clerk simply addresses the number of franked wrappers necessary to forward his quota of seeds to their destination. With that his responsibility ceases; the seeds may go

r they may not. . In the past two or three weeks clerks he sky were not the only witnesses to of committees, messengers and members secretaries have been busy addressing the wrappers, or rather the slips for past-ing addresses on wrappers, which are regenerally used. They remember their experience a year ago, when the seeds were not forwarded till spring planting was all done and it was too late for the annual present to be of any use. They had numerous complaints from constituents in consequence, and it was worse than if they had not sent out any seeds at all. Hundreds of letters had to be written, explaining that it was the fault of Secretary Morton and his effort to break up the system. The clerks do not intend to be behind time this year if they can help it.

A member of the Capitol force was found hard at work in the Maitby building yesterday. He had a dozen packages, with a hundred slips in each, before him. As he put them in a sack for mailing he shook his nead dubiously and said:

"I don't know whether this is any use of not. We send these on to the seedsmen for their clerks to fill the packages and forward the seeds. I don't see what is to hinder them from chucking these wrappers in the stove and saving the seed to sell omebody else. There doesn't seem to be any check whatever on them.
"Our friends may write to us and ask

why we don't send them seed as usual, and that might catch any such trick; but we cannot remember whether we have included any particular man in the slips. We have our lists, but we can't help overlooking a whole sheet gets misplaced, so that we cannot say certainly that any particular man was among the addresses. We have such letters every year, and all we can do is to send along the packages where a farm-

er writes he hasn't got them.
"It will be easier for such a fraud to be practiced this year than usual, because we were so late last year that our friends will think we are just slow again, and will wait a long time before they write.

"Of course, if any of the contractors failed to send out all the seed we ordered he would be caught atit. But they can take a package of 100 and throw out 25 and so on and we shall never know the difference." "But can't you depend on the honesty of

the dealers?" "Well, I suppose they will average as onest as any men; but it is a mighty big ptation, especially if they run a chanc of losing money on the contract. They are obliged to send out good seeds this year by the tests at the department, and this loophole is open. There ought to be some

"It would make more work for me but I should feel safer to have the seeds sent here and put them in the bags myself, as usual. But we can't have them here in the Maltby; they say the building would not be safe with such a load."

#### QUARTERLY W. C. T. U. SESSION

Interesting Reports by the Officers and a Talk by Mrs. Ellis,

The W. C. T. U. of the District held its first quarterly meeting this morning at Ryland Church, Mrs. M. B. Platt, president

The exercises were opened with an address by Rev. Dr. Hartsock, who extended a cordial welcome to the large attendance

Mrs. C. Cowsil, superintendent of pris and jail work, spoke eloquently of her duties during the past quarter, and Miss Lily Trotter's unusually interesting report on the Flower Mission was received with applause. Mrs. Grace L. Chapin, superintendent of literature, also gave a most satisfactory report, and beautiful solos were contributed by Mrs. Arthur Gray,

president of Berean Union, and Miss Louise Hillen, a member of the Southwest Union Mrs. Ellis, national supermtendent of legislative and pelition work of the National W. C. T. U., gave a Bible reading, followed by a general talk on the subject of the W. C. T. U. organization, its working and results. Mrs. Ellis is in Washing ton in the interest of several bills of im portance to the temperance movement that

will keep her here during the entire session of Congress. At the conclusion of the meeting a luncheon was served in the lecture room, by the ladies of Ryland Church. The walls of the church were tastefully garlanded with Christmas greens, and the pulpit was draped with There was a vase of white byacinths and pink azalias on Mrs. Platt's desk, around which were scated Miss M. E. Cohen, vice president; Miss L. S. Weightman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Emma F. Shelton, recording secretary, and Mrs.

T. A. Williams, treasurer. Policy Game Owner Fined. Ed Shock was fined \$12 in the police court this morning in Alexandria for running poticy games. The offense was shown to have been committed at various times and places in and around Alexandria.

## DR. SHADE'S

Chloridum Discovery For CONSUMPTION

At Reduced Price Until

the 15th of January. DR. SHADE-the Only Consumption Specialist in This Part of the

Dr. Shade will treat all lung, throat, reachial, and catarrhal cases at the re-laced price of \$10 a month until cared who apply before the 15th of January, Nav.

duced price of \$10 a month until cured who apply before the 15th of January, 1897.

Br. Shade has been permanently located in Washington over five years.

Interview a few permanent cures, the result of Dr. Shade a chloridum discovery for consumption.

References—Dr. Patterson, 52 B street northeast; Dr. McKim, 25 Fifth street southeast; Mrs. Lillian Hunt, 1104 Thirteenth street northwest; Mrs. Bender, 1232 Sixin street northwest; Mrs. Holland, 601 Ninth street northwest; Mrs. Highes, 440 Seventh street northwest; W. Sanford Hrown, 2145 K street northwest.

Write or call for booklet. Symptom blank, &c., for those dearing "home" treatment. Consultation free, 1232 Fourteenth street. Dr. Shade in charge-

H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO.

A. M. Raymond Writes About This Low Fee Covers Full the Associated Charities. Treatment and All Med cires.

The almost miraculous cures being of fected by Dr. Young, the celebrated specialist, are attracting widespread attention. Hundreds whose cases had been classed among the incurable by less skilled physicians have been restored to sound nealth by this eminent specialist. If you are afficited, and are uscouraged by failure to find relief, don't give up until you have consulted Dr. Young. Come and have a talk with his patients, and contince yourself that he makes no promises that he does not fulfill. No matter if you have one, two, or half a dosen complaints, the only fee required is \$5 a month for full treatment and medicines.

silpatson, indigestron, Rheumatism, Fermite Diseases, Private Diseases, Diseases of the Ear, Nose, Throat, Stomach, Kidnevs, Bowels, Bladder, Rectum, Blood, Skin, Loss Manhood, Night Losses, Variococle, and Stricture.

As Dr. Young employs no substitutes, out sees each patient personally at his Cor. 12th and F Sts. Office hours-Daily, 10 to 5; every Thurslay evening, 7 to 8; Sunday, 10 to 12.

### HUMANE WORK OF THE YEAR

The Annual Meeting of the Washington Humane Society.

All Departments Report Good Work. Street Fountains Erected-A Full Attendance.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Vashington Humane Society was held yesterday afternoon in the salon of the horeham Hotel.

The reports of the executive officers were full of interesting detail, evidenced that the agents of the society had been busy during the year, and had succes in accomplishing a great deal. This is especially true of the work of Agent Wilson During the year the reports show that Agents Rabbitt and Reintinger also did excellent.

The meeting was presided over by Presi dent A. S. Pratti with Mr. W. F. Stowell as secretary. There was a large attendance of those interested in humanitarian

work in the District. The election of officers for the ensuing

year resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. S. Pratt; vice-pres ents, Mrs. William E. Chandler, Mrs. A. L. Barber, Mrs. Florence Murray, Mr. Cram-mond Kennedy, Mr. Parker Mann, Mr. H. F. Blount, Mr. J. B. T. Tupper, Mrs. Hugh McCulloch, Mrs. E. C. Halliday, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Miss H. B. Loring; corresp ing and recording secretary, Mr. W. F. Stowell, Room S. Sun Building; financial secretary, Mrs. H. B. F. Macfarland, No. 1816 F street; treasurer, Mr. Edwin M.

Executive committee, the president, the reasurer, and the secretaries, ex-officio-Mrs. E. C. Halliday, Mrs. A. J. Chipman Miss M. A. Peet, Mr. J. B. T. Tupper Mrs. Florence Murray, Miss Harriet B Loring, Mrs. T. B. Hood, Mrs. A. L. Barber, Mr. H. F. Blount, Mrs. H. F. Blount, Miss M. E. Gole, Mrs. J. H. Henderson, Mr. R. B. F. Macfarland, Miss Elsa McKeever, Mrs., deP. Randolph Keim, Miss K. B. Trescott, Mr. Crammond Kennedy, Gen. Rufus Saxton, Mrs. B. P. Mimmack, Mr. R. Ross Perry, Mrs. Enoch Totten, Mrs. F. Cairns, Rev. Alex. Mackay-Smith, Mr. W. C. Mayo, Mrs. Hugh McCulloch, Mr A. D. Addison, Mrs. William E. Chandler Mrs. Crammond Kennedy, Mrs. H. V. Boy ton, Mrs. Robert Armour, Mrs. M. R.

Knowlton, Miss M. E. Gwathmey. In referring to the "band of mercy" work inaugurated by the society last year, Present Pratt said that much better results would have been obtained had the society been able to employ a competent teacher or superintendent. It is the general opinion, he said, that the horses who have docked tails are taken out of the District so as to

avoid the penalty for the offense Secretary Stowell stated that a report in detail would be made by the chairman o the committee on fountains, and called at tention that the fountain on Tenth street test north of Pennsylvania avenue, which had been erected by Mr. Stilson Hutchins had been donated by that gentleman to the

In the various departments the number of cases investigated were: Children's branch, Mr. Wilson, superintendent, 268 number proscuted, 9; ammals, Rabbitt and Reiplinger, agents, 9,804; number presecuted, 471; number of convictions 429; fines and collateral received from

persons presecuted, \$1.989.85. Mrs. Harriet Loring of the committee fountains reported that during the past year six fountains had been built, for the northwest and one in the northeast and one in the southwest part of the city.

#### NEWS FROM THE FORCE.

Policeman C. E. E. Flather, of the First is detained at his home by illness.

A civil service examination of late ap appointment on the force wil be held on Friday.

Sergt, John Kenny, of the Eighth pre cinct mounted squad, also of Arctic fame is on leave of absence. Policemen C. H. Cowne, of the First

and Thomas Hanley, of the Third, have been added to the "on leave" list. After March & Policeman W. W. Easeley who is detailed to guard the President country home will be returned to street

duty, it is said. Policeman Otto Sontag, jr., of Lieut Vernon's precinct, who is detailed as a guard with the workhouse chaingang, i absent from duty, owing to sickness.

A large number of young men, who are applicants for appointment on the force were examined as to their physical condi-tion at Lieux Kelly's station yesterday afternoon by Police Surgeons Nevitt, Hick-ling and Mayfield. A majority of these would-be baton-wielders were colored.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets will be sold Saturday and Sunday January 16 and 17, valid returning unti Monday, January 18. Good on any train. 12,13,14,15,16e-13,14,18.16,17.m

4 CLEARING PRICES.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT

HE DOES NOT GIVE NAMES

It Is Addressed to Supervising Principal Patterson, of the Sixth Division of the Public Schools-His Reply to the Strictures-Denies That He Can Be Held to Blame.

A. M. Raymond, an artist, who resides at No. 706 Seventeenth street northeast addressed a letter yesterday to W. B. Pat terson, supervising principal of the Sixti division of the public schools, in which h severely arraigned the Associated Charitie for what he terms the "many lurking thorns," presumably of the board's creation "that treacherously await the poor," no withstanding the 'rosy representation in the board's annual report."

Mr. Raymond does not give names, every instance, as he proceeds with h parrative, but indulges in criticisms of the association's actions, in substance, as fo "In compliance with your favor of the

30th ultimo, requesting Mrs. Raymond to have Mrs. D., or some one in her behalf, CONSULTATION IN PERSON OF FREE. call upon Mrs. Blank, distributing agent of the Associated Charities, I desire to say that I called on her on the 4th instant, and was informed by her that no relief would be afforded her unless she called personally. "By that course,' said I, 'modest charity is treated by you with cold neglect, and those who live near them, who know their wants best and speak for them, are treated

with suspicion and disdain, while the more brazen applicants for aid receive your attention?'
"Instead of answering my question, size went on to tell me that she had called at Mrs. D.'s residence, and, although she found her door open, and admitted that she entered her premises in her absence and took

observations, she left without being able to

"She did not tell me that she opened her larder, or that she examined her refriger-ator, or that she peeped into her coalbin or wood-box, but her strained efforts to appear shrewd convinced me that nothing could be used as a reason for refusing the aid requested.

Scheme to Excite Suspicion.

"When I had Mrs. Raymond send you the postal in Mrs. D.'s behalf I expected that under the newsystem the matter would find its way sitimately into Mrs. Blank's hands, especially if the overlapping' scheme was resorted to to create a little su pi cion, and this will explain to you why the same request was made in the same language, for the same person, on the same date, through three sources of relief. And here let me say that the triumphantair with which she flourished one of said postals under my nose when I entered her room

would beggar any description in words.
"I was a little amused when, after read ing in your letter that you had turned the matter over to Mrs. Blank, you followed it up with a request to present the letter you sent to my wife also to Mrs. Blank, as it gave me an inkling of what she might expect, and thinking she might meet a Tartar, I thought it prudent to go myself That request to take your letter to my wife along proved conclusively that you uniterstood Mrs. Blank's stony-hearted na-ture, and that the application needed to be well fortified to be successful in obtain ing a requisition from her. At least that

was my inference. "Now, my dear Mr. Patterson, do not in agine that I have any doubt of your carnes esire to render the needy assistance in the most efficient and praiseworthy man ner, or that I am the least inclined to put a damper upon your noble, untiring efforts, under trying circumstances, to relieve the poor and distressed of this city, but I have been a close observer of the Associ-ated Charities' methods of investigating cases, and I am at this time, more than ever before, convinced that they are unchristian and cruel, and therefore un-worthy of moral support by a generous

ls it not, sir, a terrible truth, necessary to the existence of such an institution, that it must be made to appear to the public that they are doing a wonderful work in

exposing imposters who seek charitable assistance? "And, knowing this, I ask you frankly, considering the cost and its baleful effects poisoning public confidence in the it would raise to a higher plane of life to say nothing of the springs of charity that are dried up by their cry of alarm about frauds, is not the cure a worse curse than

the disease? "Nothing but a desire to make the need of that organization appear necessary

prompts them to prejudice the public against promiscuous giving. "The poor, God knows, have hard roads to travel, but when an organization barricades all ways of relief, except that under its own iron-handed sway, it is time to sound the alarm of danger that threatens us from those who are driven to crime through desperation and want, as a result of such an inhuman system. This organization, in its annual report, claims that it exposed 141 imposters, and to accomplish this, in the course of a year, they spent about \$6,000, or \$40 for each imp Now, it strikes me that this is costly pro tection, and that it can be dispensed with

#### at a marvelous advantage to society through disinterested policemen. Police Should Have Charge.

"If there are not enough policemen to do this work in addition to their regular duties, the course which conscience dictates, and which God and humanity requires us to adopt, is to urge upon Congress the pressing need of more policemen for this purpose. "Under this wise management, through co-operation with all charitable organizations, the rendering of relief by different charitable societies to the same person could be effectually prevented, as requisi tions would be issued by lieutenants only to persons who live in their precincts And perhaps undera more humane manage-ment it might be found cheaper to give even the tramps a few meals, with the adn tion to move on or find employment. This would be less expensive than keeping them

for thirty or sixty days in the jail or workhouse at public expense, and it would also be more Christian than putting upon their

necks the iron heel of an obsolete law that was never intended to be enforced only

when men can get work and will not work.

### Clearing Out Sale London Striped TROUSERS.

Seams Never Rip, Buttons Never Come Off. Former Prices \$6, \$7, \$8. Must All Go At

\$5.00

To Make Room For Our Enormous Spring Stock.

941 Pa. Ave. N. W.

Trousers our January inducements to Measure, to irr our bargains. Perfect-\$2.50. good material. This is a ready-ma price for a specially-made garment.

New Era Tailors, 906 F Street. ----"You have very likely heard many of the

MERTZ & MERTZ,

stories about tramps putting their marks upon doors, gates and other places, but allow me to here relate my experience with them for twelve years to convince you that such stories are made up for a purpose, like those about the poor, profusely displayed through the Associated Charities' annual report.
"The house in which I live is a threestory structure near Eladensburg and Ben ning roads, and on a street that is on line

with the Jail and workhouse, along which discharged merr go for a short cut out of the city, and being known as a boarding bouse, for some years, where neighbors knew such men fared well, they usually met them at their gates, and after a warning about dogs, they pointed them to this home. During twelve years we have given these unfortunate fellows 11,000 meals, but as it was victuals that was left over, and would have been wasted, I do not mention this to appear generous.
"Among those 11,000 persons there was but one that ever came back. As a rule

we found them grateful, extremely grate

ful, and honest enough not to be tempted

in a single instance to pick up loose change

carelessly laid near by as a test. About

#### 700 of them, after they were through eating, asked if they could not saw some wood or otherwise render us any help

Hoodwink the Public. "These Mr. Patterson are men repre ented by the Associated Charities and other organizations, which owe their existence to hoodwinking the public, as unworthy of charitable consideration, with inclina tions to steal, as natural as those to eat run at large; men whose homes ought to be our jails, workhouses and prisons, but I believe that if the truth were known they are less dangerous to society, as a rule than those who cry them down and batten

upon their misfortunes. "As a further expression of these men's gratitude I have received during this twelve years sums of money by mail varying from \$1 to \$10, amounting in all to \$163, and in many cases there was no name inclosed to show from whom it came Now compare, if you please, this silent tramp method of helping others who might come along, with that of an organization that puts the names and the addresses of its applicants in the daily papers to deter others from applying for assistance through dread of the same humiliation and then with colossal gall credits itself with the good work accomplished by our brass-buttoned heroes, whose noble deeds of charity, like the dangers they encounter and the hard-hips they endure, are seldon remembered as they should be by an other-

wise generous public. "Mrs. B. has two children in the Wash ington Orphan Asylum. She wushes for two or three families, who pay her in dribs. One of them boasted about having \$28 on her Christmas tree, but could not pay her for her washing. Another woman for whom she had done some drudgery paid her only in shameful jeers for the menial service dered. I told the agent of the Amociated Charities that if my word was not sufficient she might refer to Commissioner Ross about me, but thus far no assistance has

### been rendered by that organization. "A. M. RAYMOND."

Mr. Patterson Talks. Supervising Principal W. B. Patterson was interviewed by a Times reporter this morning concerning the charges made, and

comstances noted in the letter. From what Mr. Raymond says I have no doubt the lady for whom aid was solicited is worthy of it, and it is unfortunate that she should

have been denied, if she was. "At the same time I believe the agent of the Associated Charities who investigated the case is striving to do her duty conscientiously. It will be observed that Mr. Raymend concedes that application was made for his friend to several organizations. Doubtless that very fact caused delay, but of this I cannot speak positively."

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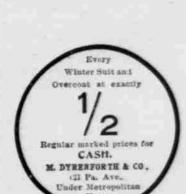
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